

## **Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs**

It is accepted that no religious belief or nonbelief should be promoted by the district or its employees, and none should be disparaged. Instead, the district should utilize its opportunity to foster understanding and mutual respect among students and parents, whether it involves race, culture, economic background or religious beliefs. In the spirit of tolerance, students and staff members will be excused for participating in practices which are contrary to their religious beliefs without penalty.

The district recognizes that one of its educational goals should be to advance the student's knowledge and appreciation of the role that our religious heritages have played in the social, cultural and historical development of civilization and our nation.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 336.067](#)

[ORS 339.420](#)